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MEDICAL SERVICES

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.116

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed October 6, 2006, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response.

If any extension of time or fees are required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time, and authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0513.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

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